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SUBJECT: SHABA INVASION: GOZ PRESENTATION TO OAU AMBASSADORS

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FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF DECLARATION HANDED OUT BY
NGUZA DURING HIS MARCH 15 MEETING WITH OAU AMBASSADORS (PARA 3,
REFTEL).

"MR. AMBASSADORS AND CHIEFS OF MISSION,

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IF I HAVE SOUGHT TO CALL YOU TOGETHER TODAY, IT IS IN ORDER
TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT REGARDING THE GRAVE SITUATION WHICH
PREVALES IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF ZAIRE.

FOR A WEEK THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE HAS BEEN THE VICTIM OF A
DELIBERATE AGGRESSION BY MERCENARIES COMING FROM A NEIGHBORING
COUNTRY.

THESE MERCENARIES HAVE ATTACKED AND OCCUPIED SOME TOWNS OF

WHICH THE MORE IMPORTANT ARE: DILOLO, KAPANGA AND THE MANGANESE MINING CENTER OF KISENGE. THESE OUTLAWS ALSO ACTED IN A MANNER CENSURED BY INTERNATIONAL MORALITY BY KEEPING MISSIONARIES HOSTAGE.

I MUST EMPHASIZE THAT THESE MERCENARIES WHO NUMBER ABOUT 5000 MEN ARE OFFICERED BY SPECIALISTS IN GUERRILLA AND SUBVERSIVE WARFARE COMING FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS WHICH INCLUDE ROCKETS AND MISSILES COMING FROM BEYOND THE MEDITERRANEAN. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A GRAVE AGGRESSION AIMED AT IMPOSING AGAINST THE WILL OF THE ZAIRIAN POPULATION AN IDEOLOGY WHICH IT DOES NOT WANT SINCE IT WISHES TO REMAIN AUTHENTIC.

AS SOON AS THEY WERE ALERTED, THE ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES UNDERTOOK A VIGOROUS ACTION TO REPEL THE INVADERS FROM THE NATIONAL TERRITORY.

THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, WHICH HAS SUFFERED SO MUCH FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE FIRST YEARS OF ITS INDEPENDENCE, IS A COUNTRY WHICH SUPPORTS FREEDOM AND PEACE AND IS STRONGLY ATTACHED TO THE IDEALS OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE OAU.

IT IS THUS THAT ZAIRE, WHOSE AFRICAN VOCATION IS ENSHRINED IN ACTS AND GEOGRAPHY, HAS ALWAYS PURSUED AGAINST WINDS AND TIDES AN ACTIVE POLICY OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS WHICH CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ITS DIPLOMACY. AT A TIME WHEN THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE, UNDER THE CARE OF ITS ENLIGHTENED GUIDE, THE PRESIDENT FOUNDER OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTION, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, MOBUTU SESE SEKO, ARE RESOLUTELY WORKING AT ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN ORDER TO LEAD THE COUNTRY OUT OF UNDER-DEVELOPMENT, IT CANNOT BE TOLERATED THAT DISTURBING ELEMENTS FROM WHATEVER SOURCE BE ALLOWED TO DISTRACT THEM FROM THIS EFFORT.

THE MOMENT IS THEREFORE GRAVE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE WHICH
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CANNOT REMAIN ARMS FOLDED AT A TIME WHEN ITS INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY IS BEING THREATENED BY A BAND OF IRRESPONSIBLES WHO HAVE LAUNCHED INTO A CRAZY ADVENTURE WITHOUT OUTCOME.

THE PRESIDENT FOUNDER OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTION, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, HAS DIRECTED ME TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, THROUGH YOUR INTERMEDIARY, AND THUS TO THE OAU, THAT ZAIRE DECLINES ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH COULD RESULT FROM THE ACTIONS THAT IT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF ITS TERRITORY, TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF ITS INHABITANTS AND TO GUARANTEE ITS ECONOMIC PATRIMONY.

IT IS NECESSARY TO EMPHASIZE HERE THAT NO SOVEREIGN STATE, CONCERNED WITH PEACE AND WORTHY OF RESPECT, CAN ACCEPT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THE PRESENT SITUATION. FOR THESE ACTS ARE CONTRARY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE OAU AND CONSTITUTE AN INSULT TO AFRICAN DIGNITY.

AFTER HAVING DULY INFORMED THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN AS WELL AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAU OF THE FACTS, I WANTED, IN THE NAME OF

THE PRESIDENT FOUNDER OF THE POPULAR MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTION,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, TO GIVE YOU THIS IMPORTANT
COMMUNICATION SO THAT YOUR GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE CORRECTLY AND
OBJECTIVELY INFORMED OF THE SITUATION CURRENTLY PREVAILING IN
MY COUNTRY.

LONG LIVE AFRICAN UNITY AND DIGNITY."
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